January 2006 in which a number of CSIR scientists participated and interacted with key note speakers and venture capitalists from Harvard and MIT.

(c) (1) Dr. P. Shantan Rao, Scientist of Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (HCT) has been granted Extraordinary Leave on foreign service terms for three years from 01.6.2005 to 31.5.2008 to enable him to become scientist entrepreneur while being associated with M/s BASR Fine Chemicals Pvt. Ltd, Jeedimetla, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh as shareholder for licensing of know-how for 2,4-dichlorofluorobenzene (HCT/ CSIR process).

(2) Shri S. Koteswara Rao, Ex-Scientist of HCT has taken the HCT/ CSIR process on chlorpyriphos (pesticide) to start a new manufacturing facility under M/s Bhagiradha Chemicals & Industries Ltd., at Cheruvukommupalem, Andhra Pradesh. The company achieved a turnover of Rs. 72.22 Crores and with **a** profit of Rs. 10.11 Crores during the financial year 2004-05.

Increase in reservation for SCs

1454. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise reservation for Scheduled Castes from the present 15 per cent to 16.23 per cent following increase in their population; and

(b) if so, by when that is likely to be given effect to and the effect thereof on 50 per cent overall ceiling set by the Supreme Court and 27 per cent reservation proposed for OBCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Representations have been received for providing reservation for Scheduled Castes in proportion to their population percentage. In accordance with the 2001 Census, the population of Scheduled Castes is 16.23% of the total population.